

## REMARKS

The claims in the case are claims 2-10, claim 1 has been canceled. The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing.

No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

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## Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The process ~~use of polymers~~ according to claim 1 6, wherein the component b) used is a mixture of crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone and silica gel.
3. (currently amended) The process ~~use of polymers~~ according to claim 3 6, wherein the polymer is a powder having a particle size between 2 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
4. (currently amended) The process according to claim 4 4, wherein the powder particles are not spheroidal.

## Claim 5 (canceled)

6. (original) A process for filtering and/or stabilizing an aqueous liquid, which comprises using as filter aid or stabilizer a polymer comprising
  - (a) from 20 to 95% by weight of at least one thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polyoxymethylene, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride and polymethacrylate
  - (b) from 80 to 5% by weight of a mixture of at least two substances selected from the group consisting of crosslinked polyvinylpyrrolidone,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{KHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , silica gel, kieselguhr, diatomaceous earth, and bentonite.
7. (original) A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein, in addition to the filtration, simultaneous stabilization of the medium to be filtered takes place.

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8. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 6 ~~either of claims 6 and 7~~,  
wherein, during the filtration, the precoat filtration technique is used.
9. (currently amended) The process as claimed in claim 6 ~~one of claims 6 to 8~~,  
wherein the aqueous liquid is a liquid selected from the group consisting of fruit  
juice drinks or fermented beverages.
10. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 6 ~~one of claims 6 to 9~~,  
wherein the aqueous liquid is beer.